

EXHIBIT 8

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE:) MDL No. 1456 and
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE) C.A. No 01-12257-PBS
PHARMACEUTICAL LITIGATION) Courtroom No. 19
) 1 Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

FEBRUARY 10, 2005

2:10 P.M.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE PATTI B. SARIS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Official Court Reporter

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1 MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you, your Honor. Thank you
2 for this indulgence. Just so it's clear, I'm here today to
3 speak on behalf of the International Union of Operating
4 Engineers, Local 68 Welfare Fund. It's an organization out
5 of the State of New Jersey.

6 By way of very brief background, I know the day is
7 getting long, we filed an action on behalf of the
8 International Union, Local 68, on June 30th, 2003, Chancery
9 Division, Mt. Mechanics Superior Court, New Jersey. At the
10 same time, we also filed a motion to show cause with
11 restraints asking for certain types of injunctive relief on
12 behalf of the union and the people of the class the union
13 wishes to represent.

14 The class itself is a state action for state
15 limited claim. We are only seeking to represent those
16 persons in New Jersey. We've not filed a national class
17 action, we've not filed a multiple state class action, we've
18 not sought to invoke federal statutes, such as ERISA or
19 Medicare, we've not pled --

20 THE COURT: You want to remand?

21 MR. SULLIVAN: It's a lead-in, it's a lead-in to
22 where we part some of our issues, and we're not seeking to
23 represent any Government entities that again would have
24 federal issues come up.

25 THE COURT: You've been transferred here?

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1 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

2 THE COURT: I wasn't prepared. Your case was part
3 of the MDL, it was transferred here, and now you don't want
4 to be here, so you want to go home?

5 MR. SULLIVAN: We want to go home.

6 THE COURT: Have you filed a motion to go home?

7 MR. SULLIVAN: We've been waiting for a hearing,
8 your Honor, on the motion to remand. A little bit of the
9 procedural background --

10 THE COURT: You want a hearing?

11 MR. SULLIVAN: We've been waiting for a hearing.

12 THE COURT: You know, would you call here.
13 There's so much going on here, if you filed a motion and you
14 need a hearing, and you thought we've dropped you through
15 the cracks, call. I think we actually anticipated because I
16 had my clerk do an inventory of everything that was pending.
17 April 8th.

18 MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay. It's nicer then.

20 MR. SULLIVAN: The reason why we want to go back
21 to New Jersey is part of our relief is we've been requesting
22 and we still want to request injunctive relief against the
23 defendants we've sued. That's not part of the lawsuit or
24 the MDL matter that's before your Honor today. We believe
25 that that is very important relief that can be recovered

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1 under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, and it's very
2 valuable relief to our clients because not only are we
3 seeking monetary damages for the present, but we are seeking
4 injunctive relief so that we don't have to come back in the
5 future.

6 THE COURT: Let me ask you, if this new
7 legislation passes, does it affect you?

8 MR. SULLIVAN: I think we'll have to wait to see
9 how well the certain other groups of individuals, such as
10 the Democrats are able to change the legislation. In the
11 short, I don't know, your Honor, whether or not --

12 THE COURT: I'm just wondering, I'm reading every
13 day about it. I can't quite tell.

14 MR. SULLIVAN: I'm hoping it doesn't. Obviously,
15 it depends which versions go through. Prior versions would
16 take just about every class action out of state court and
17 move it into federal court.

18 THE COURT: It may be moot, it may be not?

19 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, maybe. Hopefully not,
20 hopefully we can go back to New Jersey and stay there.
21 Thank you, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

23 MR. SHAPIRO: Judge, can I have 30 seconds on
24 behalf of the relater in the California case?

25 THE COURT: You gave me an ex parte motion which I

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1 didn't know you wanted to argue today.

2 MR. SHAPIRO: All we want to do is make it clear
3 that the State of California and the relater in that case
4 want any class certification to exclude governmental
5 entities who are bringing Medicaid claims on behalf of the
6 governmental entity, and the Plaintiffs' motion in the case
7 and the proposed order leave it somewhat unclear as to the
8 position with respect to the governmental entity.

9 THE COURT: I just skimmed your ex parte motion,
10 and I thought it was about something else, but maybe I
11 didn't read it closely enough.

12 MR. SHAPIRO: That is with respect to something
13 else which I don't think we need to take up for now.

14 THE COURT: Why don't you do this, why don't you
15 file -- do you have something filed that says that?

16 MR. SHAPIRO: I think something should have been
17 filed before the hearing today.

18 THE COURT: Maybe I just missed it. Has anyone
19 received it?

20 MR. SOBOL: If I may, your Honor, as I tried to
21 explain to Mr. Shapiro before the hearing, if there's a
22 particular clarification that he needs, he can probably
23 bring it up to the attention of counsel, we can see if we
24 could work out a stipulation, if we could.

25 THE COURT: Why don't you do this, he's apparently